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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, all New York egg prices are sharply higher. Early in the week, regional prices increased for the larger sizes, while Mediums remained steady. Next week's regional egg prices are sharply higher for both heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Mediums. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is fairly good to good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

REGIONAL PRICES -TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A & GRADE A, WHITE EGG IN CARTONS, DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

Regions	LARGE		MEDIUM	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
MIDWEST	93-102	95-98	63-72	65-68
NORTHEAST	95-109	100-104	65-78	70-72
SOUTH CENTRAL	103.5-112	105-108	69.5-78	71-74
SOUTHEAST	97-108	102-105	68.5-76	69-73

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	07/17/12	07/10/12	07/19/11
LARGE	79-89	70-80	69-79
MEDIUM	50-54	45-49	46-50

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	104.50	98.00	71.00
SOUTHEAST	100.50	98.50	71.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	109.50	101.50	72.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	102.35	97.55	70.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

July 16, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	4.9	7.8	10.7	8.4	9.9	4.2	46.0
	% Change	-12.1%	7.1%	6.0%	2.3%	-14.8%	-0.9%	-2.4%
Extra Large	This Week	17.8	17.1	25.2	18.5	32.6	3.3	114.5
	% Change	-16.2%	-14.3%	-9.3%	-4.5%	-4.9%	37.3%	-8.4%
Large	This Week	57.0	91.1	97.1	87.7	64.1	31.2	428.2
	% Change	-8.8%	0.0%	8.2%	-11.7%	-17.9%	14.2%	-4.4%
Medium	This Week	19.1	23.6	68.9	23.6	33.5	8.5	177.2
	% Change	-10.3%	8.9%	-15.3%	-0.3%	10.0%	-1.9%	-5.3%
Small	This Week	1.8	3.9	9.5	0.9	0.9	2.5	19.6
	% Change	-44.7%	-26.6%	-21.1%	161.8%	7.0%	51.8%	-16.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.9	11.0	32.4	8.7	4.7	1.4	61.1
	% Change	50.8%	-1.0%	6.7%	-32.4%	-15.8%	24.5%	-3.0%
Ungraded	This Week	6.9	14.4	78.0	27.2	26.7	13.6	166.8
	% Change	-23.6%	-15.8%	-6.4%	-20.6%	24.7%	35.5%	-4.8%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	110.4	169.0	321.8	175.0	172.5	64.8	1,013.4
	% Change	-11.6%	-2.7%	-3.8%	-11.6%	-5.4%	16.7%	-5.2%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,013.4	-5.2%
Breaking Stock	257.3	-9.5%
Total Shell Egg	1,270.7	-6.1%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.8	12.7	1.2	4.4	2.8	1.7	31.5
	% Change	12.3%	39.1%	3.5%	3.8%	-8.3%	-5.0%	16.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	23.4	13.9	12.8	2.5	52.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	-11.6%	49.7%	30.7%	4.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.8	12.7	24.6	18.3	15.6	4.2	84.0
	% Change	12.3%	39.1%	-2.1%	-8.4%	34.6%	13.3%	8.8%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	35.9%
	Ungraded:	62.2%
	Total:	52.4%

1/ Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 14-Jul-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible	Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)		
							CW	PW	LY
CW	1,422,954	33,921	13,412	6,786	2,781	4,602	41.27	41.29	42.03
PW	1,296,061	29,514	13,300	6,664	3,175	4,037	38.03	38.18	38.65
LY	1,418,547	33,182	14,535	7,113	3,406	4,794			
% PW	10%	15%	1%	2%	-12%	14%			
% LY	0%	2%	-8%	-5%	-18%	-4%			
2012	37,553,552	880,108	387,115	197,633	83,109	127,149			
2011	37,476,233	875,585	389,647	197,726	84,855	125,072			
% YTD	0%	1%	-1%	0%	-2%	2%			

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	763,454	53.7%	19,254	56.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	724,434	55.9%	17,104	58.0%
LAST YEAR	769,030	54.2%	19,396	58.5%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Jul-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)	LW	LW	LY		
Atlanta	19.7	18.3	8	12		
Boston	2.8	2.7	4	-18		
Chicago	55.3	56.4	-2	2		
Los Angeles	52.9	59.5	-11	-5		
New Orleans	6.5	6.3	3	0		
New York	31.6	32.3	-2	-8		
St. Louis	93.7	81.6	15	15		
San Francisco	19.9	18.7	6	20		
Total	282.4	275.8	2	5		
4 Week Moving Avg.	280.5					

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,265	27,946	19,941	20,304
AR.....	20,387	19,742	20,381	19,209
DE.....	3,371	3,295	4,720	4,989
FL.....	1,353	1,352	1,234	1,168
GA.....	32,539	32,471	26,575	26,809
KY.....	7,450	7,743	5,929	5,604
LA.....	3,134	3,409	2,913	2,961
MD.....	7,045	7,351	5,716	5,582
MS.....	17,504	18,063	14,915	15,487
MO.....	7,388	8,068	5,111	5,064
NC.....	19,825	19,816	15,844	15,714
OK.....	6,798	6,465	4,248	4,343
PA.....	3,616	3,731	3,020	3,028
SC.....	5,306	5,298	4,831	4,524
TX.....	14,139	14,587	12,129	12,155
VA.....	6,101	5,919	4,294	4,712
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,715	10,601	11,849	11,189
19 State Total.....	193,936	195,857	163,650	162,842
Prev. Year Total.....	194,961	196,576	165,957	164,445
Pct. of Prev. Year.....	99	100	99	99

Source: NASS, USDA
*Revised

(5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD SHELL EGG SALES

NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 12, 2012-JUL 18, 2012 (CENTS/DOZEN)
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	84.00	85.20	82.38	80.00	--	96.00	25.00
GL W J	--	--	105.00	107.00	--	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	120.25	--	126.89	109.39	103.00	30.00
GL W LG	--	95.70	90.33	95.32	85.76	97.00	49.25
GL W MD	--	--	58.75	60.67	46.00	--	9.00
GL W SM	--	--	39.00	42.00	48.00	51.88	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	74.00	--	2.00
GL BR MD	51.00	--	--	59.25	50.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	57.00	--	--	53.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	59.00	--	52.63	59.75	9.00
NRBS - 36	--	41.00	--	--	37.00	--	1.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 14-Jul-2012 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Live wt
North East	551	7	25.85	(A)	551	25.85
South Atlantic	574	-11	35.99	(A)	574	35.99
North Central	2,184	12	31.20	(A)	2,184	31.20
South Central	768	29	18.91	(A)	768	18.91
West	176	-16	33.10	(A)	176	33.10
U.S. total	4,253 (B)	9	29.02	0	4,253	29.02
To-date						
2012*	121,729 (B)			190	121,919	
To-date						
2011*	122,496 (B)			202	122,698	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000; for the current year to date* 604,000; for last year to date* 588,000.

Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 14-Jul-2012 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,778	2,430	45	0	4,253
Avg Wt	16.48	38.23	26.68	0.00	29.01
Last week	1,575	2,316	26	2	3,919
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,633	23	15	4,654
Avg Wt	16.43	38.39	27.33	24.24	28.93
To-date/2012*	50,470	70,655	604	190	121,919
To-date/2011*	50,127	71,781	588	202	122,698
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	3%	-6%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,440	74,311	906	0	98,657
Last week	20,804	72,208	483	48	93,543
Same wk yr ago	26,065	80,865	484	280	107,694
To-date/2012*	680,856	2,297,456	12,070	4,914	2,995,296
To-date/2011*	686,091	2,246,563	13,902	4,900	2,951,456
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	-13%	0%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Aug-12 is estimated at 150.3 million head. This compares to 151.4 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.22 cents per pound.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 14-Jul-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,299	1,396	1,853	3,249	472
Avg Wt	5.56	3.28	7.72	5.81	5.92
Last week	142,699	986	1,647	2,633	370
Same wk yr ago	159,646	1,390	1,553	2,943	428
Avg Wt	5.78	3.21	7.66	5.56	5.56
To-date/2012*	4,245,174	45,130	43,345	88,475	11,682
To-date/2011*	4,467,878	39,069	42,252	81,321	12,169
% Change YTD	-5%	16%	3%	9%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	656,112	2,473	9,799	12,272	2,026
Last week	608,718	1,736	8,766	10,502	1,867
Same wk yr ago	687,452	2,365	7,613	9,978	1,713

To-date/2012*	18,288,538	76,201	228,894	305,095	56,475
To-date/2011*	19,084,607	66,784	220,956	287,740	59,290
% Change YTD	-4%	14%	4%	6%	-5%

Dressing % 75.5% 52.5% 68.5% 72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.2 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Jun 9	158.4	156.8	101%	5.78
16	156.0	156.8	99%	5.65
23	155.9	156.8	99%	5.81
30	162.8	156.5	104%	5.75
Jul 7	144.4	156.5	92%	5.65
14	158.2	157.1	101%	5.56
Year to date		4296.8	4302.4	100%
Jul 21		157.1		
28		157.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Week Ending 21-Jul-12

Class	Current Week 07/21/12 (1)	Previous Week 07/14/12
Broiler/fryer	164,620 (2)	157,299
Light hens	1,407	1,479
Heavy hens	1,739	1,957
Total	167,766	160,735

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jul-12 is 157.1 million head compared to 162.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.9 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Jul-12 the estimated available is 157.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 07/16/12	3,134	190,232	49,950
AM 07/01/12	3,178	185,455	48,696
CHG	-44	4777	1254
PCT CHG	-1%	3%	3%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens was 103.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms was 104.00-110.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

13-Jul-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.5 -21.0	13.65

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV;

North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI;

South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 14-Jul-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	189.7	-12	-5
East North Central	689.4	0	1
West North Central	296.5	3	21
South Atlantic	130.5	5	-5
South Central	52.0	0	-2
West	31.9	-2	-14
Total	1390.0	-1	2

Matched plants reporting

71 71

Areas Covered: N. Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB dock at major market areas (cents per lb.) Week of 16-Jul-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads
Los Angeles	104.00	102.71	24	89.63 64
New York	80.00-83.00	81.75	20	82.90 38

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	72.00-81.00		78.27	55

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER

Loads	07/16/12	Change Last Wk	07/09/12	07/18/11
327	83.92	.55	83.36	80.08

